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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method for manufacturing an electron emission element comprising, between its electrodes, a conductive film having an electron emission section.

5      The method comprising the steps of forming a gap in the conductive film located between the electrodes, and applying a voltage between the electrodes in an atmosphere that has an aromatic compound with a polarity or a polar group and in which the partial

10     pressure ratio of water to the aromatic compound is 100 or less.